

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated October 22, 2007, in which the Examiner objected to claims 11 and 19; rejected claims 8 and 20 under § 112, second paragraph; rejected claims 1 and 11 as anticipated by US 5887667 to Van Zante; indicated that claims 6-10 and 15-17 would be allowable if re-written in independent form; and allowed claims 2-5, 12-14, 18 and 19.

Applicant has amended the claims and respectfully traverses the rejections for the reasons set out below.

Objection to claims 11 and 19

Claim 11 has been canceled.

Claim 19 has been amended to depend from claim 18.

Applicant submits that these amendments cure the grounds for rejection.

Rejected claims 8 and 20 under § 112, second paragraph

Claims 8 and 20 have each been amended to address the issue raised by the Examiner and Applicants submit that it is now clear which recesses are recited in those claims.

Rejection of claims 1 and 11 as anticipated by US 5887667 to Van Zante

Claims 1 and 11 have been canceled.

Allowability of claims 6-10 and 15-17

Claims 6 and 10 have been amended to depend from claim 2 and claim 15 has been amended to depend from claim 12. Because claims 2 and 12 are allowable, claims 6-10 and 15-17 are likewise allowable. Claim 18 has also been amended to depend from claim 12, so as to avoid redundancy with claim 6.

Allowed claims 2-5, 12-14, 18 and 19

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 2-5, 12-14, 18 and 19.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that the present amendment places the case in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections and pass the case to issuance. If the Examiner has any questions or otherwise feels it would be advantageous to speak with the undersigned, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (713) 241-1041.

Respectfully submitted,

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